

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LTD
Form 8-K
March 16, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 16, 2006 (March 10, 2006)**

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-31721
(Commission
File Number)

98-0395986
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

106 Pitts Bay Road
Pembroke, Bermuda
(Address of principal executive offices)

HM 08
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **441-296-2600**

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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10.1 Separation Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2006, between AXIS Specialty Limited and Andrew Cook.

10.2 Consulting Agreement, effective as of April 2, 2006, between AXIS Specialty Limited and Andrew Cook.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 16, 2006

AXIS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Richard Gieryn
 Richard Gieryn
 Acting General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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